

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 remain pending in the application. Claims 1, 8, 14 and 19 have been amended. Reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of the pending application in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

As an initial matter, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for considering all of the documents cited in the Information Disclosure Statements filed on August 25, 2004, March 28, 2005, May, 16, 2005, September 15, 2005, and April 4, 2006.

As another matter, Applicants note that the Examiner has not yet indicated whether the drawings filed on May 7, 2004 are acceptable. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner confirm the acceptability of the drawings in the next Office communication.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 8, 9, 11-17, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Speeney et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0099336). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection for at least the following reasons.

Applicants' independent claim 1 recites a method of providing a subscriber with personal caller identification information which includes, inter alia, receiving, at a network service platform, a calling party number, and querying a central personal address book to retrieve personal caller identification information associated with the calling party number and displayable to a subscriber.

Applicants' independent claim 8 recites a system for providing a subscriber with personal caller identification information which includes, inter alia, a network service platform that receives a calling party number, and a central personal address book that

is queried to retrieve personal caller identification information associated with the calling party number and displayable to a subscriber.

Applicants' independent claim 14 recites a computer readable medium for storing a computer program that provides a subscriber with personal caller identification information. The computer readable medium includes code that receives a calling party number, and code that queries a central personal address book, to retrieve personal caller identification information associated with the calling party number and displayable to a subscriber.

Applicants' independent claim 19 recites a telecommunications system that provides a subscriber with personal caller identification information which includes, inter alia, a network element that determines when a telephone call is being placed, a network service platform that receives a calling party number from the network element, and a central personal address book that is queried to retrieve personal caller identification information associated with the calling party number and displayable to the subscriber.

Speeney et al. discloses a communication identification announcement system 100 which includes a communication identification announcement device 160, and a database 170 which is connected to the device 160. See Figure 1 and paragraphs [0014] and [0015] of Speeney et al. A database structure 300 is stored in the database 170. See paragraph [0028] and Figure 3 of Speeney et al.

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that Speeney's database structure 300 corresponds to Applicants' claimed central personal address book.

Applicants respectfully submit that Speeney's database structure 300 is not queried to retrieve personal caller identification information associated with a calling party number and displayable to a subscriber, as recited in Applicants' claims 1, 8, 14 and 19. Rather, Applicants submit that Speeney's database structure 300 merely stores communication identifier fields 302 and announcement fields 304 in the form of audio files or data files which are announced, not displayed, to a contacted party. See, e.g., paragraphs [0028] – [0030] and the Abstract of Speeney et al.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that Speeney et al. fails to disclose or suggest a method of providing a subscriber with personal caller identification information which includes querying a central personal address book to retrieve personal caller identification information associated with a calling party number and displayable to a subscriber, as recited by Applicants' independent claim 1.

Applicants submit that Speeney et al. also fails to disclose or suggest a system for providing a subscriber with personal caller identification information which includes a central personal address book that is queried to retrieve personal caller identification information associated with a calling party number and displayable to a subscriber, as recited by Applicants' independent claim 8.

Applicants further submit that Speeney et al. fails to disclose or suggest a computer readable medium for storing a computer program that provides a subscriber with personal caller identification information which includes code that queries a central personal address book to retrieve personal caller identification information associated with a calling party number and displayable to a subscriber, as recited by Applicants' independent claim 14.

Applicants submit that Speeney et al. also fails to disclose or suggest a telecommunications system that provides a subscriber with personal caller identification information which includes a central personal address book that is queried to retrieve personal caller identification information associated with a calling party number and displayable to the subscriber, as recited by Applicants' independent claim 19.

For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that Speeney et al. fails to anticipate the inventions recited in Applicants' independent claim 1, 8, 14 and 19, and respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection and allow claims 1, 8, 14 and 19.

Dependent claims 2-6, 9, 11-13, 15-17 and 20 are also submitted to be in condition for allowance for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to claims 1, 8, 14 and 19, from which they depend, respectively.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 7 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Speeney et al. in view of Creamer et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,028,917), and rejected claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Speeney et al. in view of Birch et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0120473). Applicants respectfully submit that Creamer et al. and Birch et al. fail to overcome the above-noted deficiencies of Speeney et al.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that dependent claims 7, 10 and 18 are in condition for allowance at least in view of their dependency on claims 1, 8 and 14, respectively, and thus respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejections.

Based on the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in

condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Entry and consideration of the present amendment, reconsideration of the outstanding Office Action, and allowance of the present application and all of the claims therein are respectfully requested and now believed to be appropriate. Applicants have made a sincere effort to place the present invention in condition for allowance and believe that they have now done so.


Any amendments to the claims which have been made in this amendment, and which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

Should an extension of time be necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this response, or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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